

CLAIMS:

1. An inflatable support for providing pressure relief, comprising at least one inflatable cell extending transversely of the support, the one or more transverse cell(s) having within each of their outermost opposite ends, internal cells at a higher pressure than the transverse cell(s), the internal cells having a lower height than the transverse cells, such that the whole of the support surface provides pressure relief.
2. An inflatable support as claimed in claim 1, wherein there are provided a plurality of transverse cells, inflated and deflated alternately.
3. An inflatable support as claimed in claims 1 or 2 wherein the internal cell(s) are constantly inflated.
4. An inflatable support as claimed in claims 1, 2 or 3 wherein the internal cell(s) are chamfered at their internal edges.
5. An inflatable support as claimed in claims 1 to 4 wherein the internal cell(s) are filled with foam or similar material.
6. An inflatable support as claimed in claims 1 to 5 wherein the internal cell(s) at each opposite end of the transverse cell are connected by a common manifold and inflated jointly by that manifold.

7. An inflatable support as claimed in claim 6 wherein the manifold is of foam.